Fair Tax Laws, Properly Enforced, Seen as Way to Settle Debts.

MUST BALANCE BUDGET a large

Incompetents After Power, Plunder and Publicity Elected to Office.

BERLIN NEEDS NEW BANK

Loud Mouthed Demagogues Promising the Impossible

franc, the lira, the Austrian and Hungarian krone, &c., is largely a problem incidental to the question of proper government. No currency can be sta-bilized until a country fully balances its budget—that is, does not disburse more for regular and extraordinary expenses than it collects, and until the from the people of other countries in

It is now four years since the armis-ice. Nevertheless, exchanges of all the countries except those of Great Britain and Czecho-Slovakia are selling at very near their lowest prices. In searching for the reason it will be found that these two countries have a well-ordered

State Budgets Satisfactory.

These two countries have approxi-mately restored their trade balances and their State budgets are in satisfactory condition. Great Britain has substan-tially reduced for war debt, while Czecho-Slovakia, which had to create an Czecho-Slovakia, which had to retail a santirely new State organization, has not ret arrived at this point, but has reduced the amount of outstanding paper money by over 10 per cent. All other coun-ries engaged in the great war have in-reased their debts since the armistice

tries engaged in the great war have increased their debts since the armistice and are still doing so.

In looking into the causes for the low rates of exchange and unsatisfactory trade balances and budgets, we find that in many cases as a sequence of war hysteria and its reaction men without an understanding of government, without ability to do constructive work, but merely obsessed with greed for power, plunder and publicity, have been elected to the Parliaments and into office. The officials of many foreign countries have done very little or nothing toward decreasing the race batreds which were stimulated during the war, but on the contrary, in order to keep themselves in office, have waved the "bloody shirt." as it used to be called in the United States during the generation after the close of the Civil War. Chauvinism, aptly defined in the Oxford dictionary as "bellicose patriotism," is Tampant everywhere.

Hoodwinking by Politicians.

These politicians of the suffering countries have told the people only what they thought the people would like to hear, and neither have dared to enact the barsh laws necessary for a difficult the harsh laws necessary for a difficult situation nor even to hint at their ne-cessity. President Masaryk and Musso-lini, the new Italian Prime Minister, ap-pear to be the first European states-men wilking to tell the people the full

truth.

At the root of the present trouble is the mischievous slogan, fostered and prochaimed by vote seekers, that "All men are equal." Men are no more born equal than horses. Men are only entitled to equal opportunities in accordance with their natural endowments, and every child, whether the son of a multi-millionaire or the daughter of a scrub woman, is entitled, in accordance with its ability, to equal opportunity and incentive for its own benefit as well as for that of the world at large.

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We have fought and won a war which was the death knell of the middle age feudaiism, which ended the right of one set of men, favored by accident of birth; to dominate others less fortunate. This war was fought to end militarism, and it can and will end it if we give an opportunity to the best men to solve the problem and provide the authority and machinery through which these men can work. A League of Nations organized for constructive purposes is the possible medium.

Austria.

Austria has totally collapsed owing to the enormous deficit of the Government budget and an unfavorable trade balance. Though there have been many contributory factors, such as economically impossible boundary lines, fundamentally the trouble is due to the weakness of the Government, which lacks the strength to properly enforce reasonable taxation laws, and owing to the pressure of various political parties has found it easier to print money until it has become worthless.

Now this same Government is praying to other countries to come and take charge of its country, and is offering to turn over to foreigners the full management of its affairs, provided something is done to help it out of its misery. This is a very difficult problem now; it would have been very much easier to do this over three years ago.

The weakness of Austria was visualized at that time by all intelligent men the world over, but there was no one who had or could get the necessary authority to help Austria put her house in order. If a representative of a League of Nations could have said to a group of international bankers, "We will guarantee to give you a prior lien on the revenues of Austria for the payments seesary for interest and redemption of your bonds," the situation would never have become as bad as it is now. Finally, Austria's neighbors and Great Britain, have come to her help, but not yet as forcefully as necessary. Germany will arrive at the same stage as Austria, and so may Hungary, Poland and some of the Balkan countries. Something must be done to stop this drift to chaos and perdition.

The German Government has been

aration."

The masses of the German people, the workers in the factories and the mines, the professional classes, the clerks in the offices and stores, have been living in abject misery since 1918. They have been carrying a tremendous indirect tax purden and are the greatest sufferers from the incompetence of their Government, while their employers and the farming classes have largely escaped taxation and become rich. One hears of no important taxpayer in Germany having been sent to jati or heavily fined for tax dodging.

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The real fact is, Germany, like most of proper and the most important: Are these as properly governed, have they iligent, fair system of taxation the tax laws properly enforced to produce the maximum of without favoritism to any one stabilization of the mark, the leir, the Austrian and Huntrone, &c., is largely a problem at to the question of proper eant. No currency can be standil a country fully balances et—that its, does not disburser regular and extraordinary stannit collects, and until the far country do not buy more that a country duly balances of comments and the other half by Germany, one by the chambers of commence, one by the chambers of commences, one by the comment through current substantially all been confiscated or wiped out by the Alless and by the Carmying at tremers from the farming the carmying at remember, ha The German members might possibly be elected in the following manner: Out by the universities of Germany, one by the chambers of commerce, one by the agricultural societies and the fourth possibly in some manner by the laboring classes, these nominees to be satisfactory to the comptroller of finance and the four league members of the finance commission, in turn to be satisfactory to the German Government

riding for a fall substantially the same as Austria, but the more favorable economic conditions in Germany have kept that country from sliding with the same rapidity. The Wirth Government has been afraid to antagonize strongly the old conservative monarchical party, which in one way or another wants to restore the monarchy. It has been afraid of the extremely radical party for fear of the possibilities of riots and communism.

Its every effort has been directed toward avoiding unemployment for the time being without regard for final consequences. For that purpose subsidies have been paid, directly and indirectly, to manufacturers, money has been printed, and the Government's business has been conducted at a high cost with a large number of unnecessary employees.

The payments on account of the interests and the favorable trade balance to \$100,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000 a year by the income formadi investments outside of Germany, which have been estimated at from \$4,000,000,000 to \$6,000,000,000 and also by the earnings of German ships engaged in navigation all over the world, income of insurance companies and commissions on foreign business, &c.

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and with the utmost care, and after it is clearly understood the reorganization of German affairs can proceed along the lines prevalent all over the world in dealing with concerns in financial diffi-culties. In such matters it is cus-

tomary:

a. To provide additional capital if same is needed, to be secured by a prior lien on all the assets.

b. To issue a security well within the earning capacity of the concern on which interest must be paid regularly; failing the payment of such interest, some drastic method of enforcing the claim; the securities in this case to be delivered to the Allies.

c. To make available for further payments of interest or for expenditures to capital account any surplus after payment of interest charges on (a) and (b).

In the case of Germany it should be arranged that a certain proportion of

1. The setting up of a strong Government in Germany as above outlined and which will have the confidence of the outside world.

2. Restoration of a balanced budger.

b. Stabilization of the mark. This by problem can probably be taken up to a limited extent simultaneously with the setting up of a set ong Government. Germany's trade balance cannot be restored unless she has a suitable medium of experience of the set o

rency.

The German people may not be ready for all this just yet. It is quite possible that in that unfortunate country much blood will be shed during the next few months and much property destroyed before the people will be ready to face the fact that owing to their tremendous problems they cannot manage their own areairs.

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